

## House Resolution 499

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Victoria Viola Graves Rakestraw; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
4 with the passing of Ms. Victoria Viola Graves Rakestraw on February 7, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Rakestraw was born in Walton County, Georgia, the first of three children  
6 for the late Mr. and Mrs. William Graves; and

7 WHEREAS, this kindhearted and magnanimous woman attended Social Circle School and  
8 worked as a child caretaker and housekeeper and was later employed by Nepco; and

9 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Rakestraw was a member of Corinth  
10 Missionary Baptist Church, where she devoted her time as secretary for the church, served  
11 on the Mother Board, and diligently helped with the church's vacation Bible school; and

12 WHEREAS, this distinguished senior gentlewoman gave inspiration to many through her  
13 high ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, and she possessed the vast  
14 wisdom which only comes through experience and the strength of character which is  
15 achieved through overcoming the many challenges of life; and

16 WHEREAS, known for her great skill in the kitchen, Ms. Rakestraw leaves behind her loving  
17 children and their families, as well as a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, all who were privileged to know this loving and generous mother, grandmother,  
19 sister, and friend join her family in mourning her loss and cherish the memory of their  
20 wonderful times shared with Ms. Rakestraw.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
22 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Ms. Victoria Viola Graves  
23 Rakestraw and expressing their appreciation for her many contributions to her family,  
24 community, and the State of Georgia.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Ms. Victoria  
27 Viola Graves Rakestraw.